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FOLLOWING REPEAT SINAI 0763 ACTION SECSTATE 24 MAR 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINAI 0763

FOR SSM-KONTOS FROM THORNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OGEN, IS, EG

SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS AT SFM

REF: A) SINAI 640, B) STATE 064333

1. I HAVE RAISED THIS MATTER WITH BOTH PARTIES AND THE UN,
GIVING THEM THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 3 REF B. THEY HAVE ALL AGREED
IN PRINCIPLE BUT ARE COOL TO USE OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS.
MY LAST CONVERSATION WAS WITH UN CHIEF COORDINATOR MARCH
23.

2. THE EGYPTIANS (SARELO OFFICERS) HAVE INDICATED THAT PROBLEMS
WILL HAVE TO BE HAMMERED OUT WITH THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE
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FOREIGN OFFICE CONCERNING STATUS, VISAS, VISA RENEWALS, NOT-
IFICATION TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT OF ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AND
WHETHER OR NOT THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS EMPLOYED BY SFM WOULD
BE SUBJECT TO ALL ASPECTS OF EGYPTIAN LAW.

3. THE ISRAELIS (LEVINSON AND COMPANY) ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC
AND SEEM SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT AN ARRANGEMENT COULD NOT

BE MADE TO HIRE ARABS, AT LEAST, FROM THE GAZA AREA. (GOE OPPOSES THIS.) ISRAELIS INDICATED THE SAME RESERVATION REGARDING STATUS AND JURISDICTION AS THE EGYPTIANS, ADDING THAT TRAVEL TO AND FROM SFM POSES VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

4. UN CHIEF COORDINATOR GAVE A QUALIFIED APPROVAL CONTINGENT UPON ALL THE MODALITIES BEING WORKED OUT AND MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO BOTH PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT. HIS COMMENT WAS THAT UNEF HAD HAD CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE WITH BEDOUIN EMPLOYEES AND THAT IT TOOK TEN BEDOUINS TO DO WHAT ONE SFM AMERICAN EMPLOYEE CAN DO.

5. IT IS ALREADY OBVIOUS THAT ALL THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS CANNOT BE INTRODUCED FROM ONE COUNTRY ALONE.

6. DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR RELATIONS WITH GOE HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER, GIVEN OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF FIVE MONTHS NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPTIANS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF FOUR AMERICAN WIVES IN CAIRO, WE CAN EXPECT LENGTHY AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EGYPTIANS ON THIS MATTER WHICH I HAVE NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO RAISE WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS PERSONALLY DUE TO HIS ABSENCE. YOU MAY WISH TO RAISE IT WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON NOW.

7. EMBASSY TEL AVIV THINKS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT GOI WILL MAKE POINT THAT AGREEMENT CALLS FOR AMERICAN PRESENCE.

8. THE TWO PARTIES POSE THE SAME OBSTACLES TO HIRING BEDOUINS AS BEFORE. ALSO SEE REF A.

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9. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR MARCH 4 LETTER.
THORNE.
UNQUOTE VANCE.

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